HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Property Address: 3063 Ordway Street, NW Agenda

Landmark/District: **Cleveland Park Historic District** X Consent Calendar

X Concept Review

Meeting Date: **September 24, 2020**

X Alteration 20-470

H.P.A. Number: **New Construction** Staff Contact: **Steve Callcott**

Demolition Subdivision

Architect Steve Fotiu, representing owners Lauren Weinstein and Geoff Derrick, seeks conceptual design review for construction of a two-story plus cellar rear addition and a front entrance portico to a house in the Cleveland Park Historic District.

Property History and Description

3063 Ordway is a center-hall brick Colonial Revival-styled house that was constructed in 1938 by E.J. Dent, Jr. and designed by Oliver Young. The identical house to the west (3067) was built by the same development team under the same permit. The two houses share a common driveway and a double garage that spans the side property line at the rear of the lots.

Proposal

The plans call for a two-story rear addition extending the width of the house and projecting 12'9" from the existing rear wall; an open deck on the first floor above a covered patio below would project an additional ten feet. Due to the sloping topography of the site, the basement level would be above grade at the rear. The addition would be clad in brick on the basement level and fiber cement siding on the upper floors finished with casement windows and French doors facing the rear.

The rear shed dormer would be slightly widened, an existing side door would be converted to a window and a side basement window would be altered to provide code compliant egress. A classically-inspired portico would be added to the front door based on the design of the portico at 3067, which was approved by the Board and added to that property.

Evaluation

The addition is subordinate in size and location, and compatible in its proportions, materials and fenestration. The alterations to the rear dormer and side windows are similarly compatible and do not affect important character-defining features of the property. The front portico is stylistically compatible with the character of the house and consistent in design with the same feature on the identical house next door.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Review Board find the concept to be compatible with the property and historic district, and that final construction plan approval be delegated to staff.